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#### MARCH WHOLESALE FISH MARKET RECEIPTS IN CHICAGO

About 6,119,000 pounds of fresh and frozen fishery products were received during March at the Chicago Wholesale Fish Market, according to monthly summary figures released today by the Chicago Fishery Market News office of the Fish and Wildlife Service, United States Department of the Interior.

Compared with the arrivals in February 1942—amounting to 5,476,000 pounds—this represents an increase of 643,000 pounds, or 12 percent. A slight decrease of 122,000 pounds is shown compared with the March 1941 figure of 6,241,000 pounds.

During March 1942, 77 classifications of seafood—fish and shellfish, fresh and salt-water—from 25 states and 8 provinces of Canada, were sent to this market. Of the total receipts, 3,763,000 pounds were fresh-water fish, 1,619,000 pounds salt-water fish, and 737,000 pounds were shellfish.

Domestic catch accounted for 4,017,000 of the total March receipts; 2,102,000 pounds were imported (including the catch taken by United States vessels and shipped through Canada to the United States in bond). Imports were greatest from Manitoba, which sent in 993,000 pounds, mostly sauger.

Fresh-water species—fresh and frozen—received in greatest abundance at the Chicago Market during March were sauger (649,000 pounds); smelt (574,000 pounds); lake trout (557,000 pounds); carp (326,000 pounds); yellow pike (258,000 pounds); and (fresh only) lake herring (229,000 pounds).

Predominating salt-water species of fish were frozen halibut (825,000 pounds) and frozen rosefish fillets (321,000 pounds).

Varieties of shellfish received at the Chicago Market included 420,000 pounds of fresh and frozen shrimp; 101,000 pounds of shell and 87,000 pounds of shucked oysters, 50,000 pounds of frozen spiny lobster tails; and 38,000 pounds of hard clams.

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Wisconsin (1,010,000 pounds); Massachusetts (595,000 pounds); Michigan (675,000 pounds); Minnesota (255,000 pounds); Illinois (196,000 pounds); Iowa (200,000 pounds); and Louisiana, with 271,000 pounds, were the leading states sending fishery products to the Chicago Market. Alaska contributed no fish to the summary.

A total of 2,739,000 pounds of fish and shellfish was delivered to Chicago by freight during March; 2,373,000 pounds by truck; and the remainder, 1,007,000 pounds, by express.

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